six months and how does it reflect on the oil industry in the country;

(c) what is the likely shortage of edible oils and oil-seeds during 1990-91 as against the estimated demand;

(d) whether Government propose to import edible oils to improve capacity utilisation and to give relief to the oil industry besides containng the rising prices in consumer interest; and

(e) if so, what is the decision taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The overall capacity utilisation of the Oil industry is around 45 per cent.

(b) Average rise in the wholesale prices of oils during the last six months is around 19 per cent. No significant effect on the performance of oil industry has been noticed during the period.

(c) The gap between indigenous supply and demand for edible oils during the year 1990-91 is estimated around 11.58 lakh MT.

(d) and (e) Vegetable oils are being imported from time to time for Public Distribution System (PDS) depending upon various considerations like shortage of oils, foreign exchange reserves, prices in the domestic and international markets etc. Present situation does not envisage any imports for oil Industry.

Collision of Goods Trains at Guwahati

25. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons were killed and injured in the collision of two goods trains at Guwahati on the 8th January, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the loss of lives and property;

(d) the reasons of the accident; and

(e) whether any inquiry has since been conducted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (e) On 8-1-1991, a collision took place between two goods trains at Chautara station on the Alipurduar Division of Northeast Frontier Railways. As a result, 2 railway staff were killed and 2 others griveously injured.

Loss to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 2.12 crores.

A departmental inquiry into this accident is in progress.

Derailment of 229 UP Durg-Waltair Passenger train

26. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven bogies of 229 Up Durg-Waltair Passenger train derailed in Raipur on the 4th January, 1991;

(b) if so, the number of passengers killed and injured;

(c) whether any compensation has since been paid to them;

(d) the loss of property due to accident and reasons of the accident; and

(e) whether any inquiry has since been conducted and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir, However, on 3-1-1991 at about 21.15 hrs., while 229 Up Durg-Waltair passenger was on run between Arang-Mahanadi and Belsonda stations of Waltair Division of South Eastern Railway, 7 coaches next to engine derailed.

(b) No passenger was killed or injured.

(c) Does not arise.